to capital market and is monitoring the position on a monthly basis. Further, RBI have advised all commercial banks to keep their exposure to capital markets within 5% of their advances as on 31st March of the previous year and those banks which presently have exposure in capital market in excess of the 5% ceiling, have been advised to submit to RBI their plans to bring down their exposure within this ceiling in a gradual manner.

Indian Bank Scam

1044. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest status on the Indian Bank Scam probe by Central Bureau of Investigation;

(b) how many persons involved in this scam have been brought to book;

(c) what is the reason for the delay in this probe; and

(d) how much amount has been recovered from various defaulters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has reported that a total number of 45 cases relating to Indian Bank have been registered involving 210 people/firms. Out of these, charge sheets have been filed in 21 cases. CBI has reported that most of the cases had interstate ramifications and involve extensive field investigation at various places throughout the country.

(d) Indian Bank has reported that an amount of Rs.36.80 crore has been recovered out of the cases which are registered with CBI.